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SUBJECT: VISAS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 101(A) (15)(G-4)

REF: USUN 4825 OF NOVEMBER 20, 1972

1. UN LEGAL COUNSEL IN LETTERS DATED MAY 9, 1972 (A-775) AND NOVEMBER 13, 1972 (REFTEL) REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ISSUING G-4 VISAS TO SECRETARIAT MEMBERS VALID FOR PERIOD OF AT LEAST 12 MONTHS AND FOR MULTIPLE ENTRY. AT PRESENT DISTINCTION CONTINUES TO BE MADE ON BASIS OF NATIONALITY OF SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS. LEGAL COUNSEL ARGUED THAT THERE WAS QTE NO BASIS IN ANY INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT OPERATIVE BETWEEN UN AND US TO JUSTIFY THIS PRACTICE UNQTE. PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY UPON WHICH DISTINCTION IS MADE ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY CANNOT BE APPLIED IN FASHION AFFECTING OPERATIONS OF UN, HE SAID. LEGAL COUNSEL ARGUED ALSO THAT VARYING REQUIREMENTS FOR VISAS IMPOSED BURDEN ON SECRETARIAT STAFF AND SIMPLIFICATION BY ISSUING G-4 VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR AND MULTIPLE ENTRY WOULD RESULT IN SAVING IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

2. NATIONALS OF SOME 28 COUNTRIES ARE PRESENTLY ISSUED G-4 VISAS LIMITED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF ENTRIES AND PERIOD OF VALIDITY. APPLICATION OF RULE OF RECIPROCITY FOR G-4 ALIENS IS ALSO ADMINISTRATIVELY BURDENSOME TO THIS MISSION. AUTHORIZATION, THEREFORE, FOR GENERALIZED ISSUANCE OF G-4 VISAS TO SECRETARIAT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MINIMUM PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND MULTIPLE ENTRY WOULD

RESULT IN SAVINGS OF TIME AND STAFF AT USUN.

3. IN EVENT DEPARTMENT WISHES TO AVOID GIVING QTE CONCESSION UNQTE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN UN MEMBER STATES (SUCH AS CUBA AND USSR), USUN REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER LIBERALIZING G-4 VISA ISSUANCE FOR REMAINDER OF THOSE NATIONALS NOW GRANTED VISAS OF MORE LIMITED VALIDITY. DISTINCTION AS APPLIED TO ONLY ONE OR TWO MEMBER STATES MIGHT SEEM INVIDIOUS BUT CAN MORE READILY BE JUSTIFIED ON BASIS SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN US RELATIONS WITH SAID COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED : USUN WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ACTION ON UN REQUEST WHICH WE SUPPORT EVEN IF ONLY PARTIAL CONCESSION APPEARS APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

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